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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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c. Type "C" (See Attachment V) Single-engine jet fighter

Wing span About 11 m.

Length About 8 m.

Engine 1 jet engine with device for auxiliary rockets for starting and climbing.

Maximum speed 750 mph.

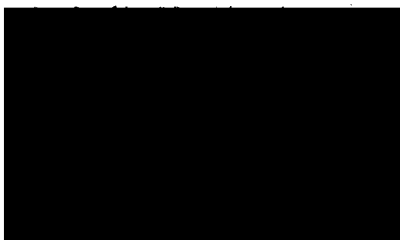
Maximum cruising altitude 42,000 ft.

3. The new planes are flown mainly by Czechoslovak pilots and are painted a special blue-green color, the paint being similar to nitro-varnish (sic). As the weather changes from sunny to cloudy, the color also seems to change, thus making it very difficult to sight the craft in the air. A number of these planes are also located at the airfield at Vyskov (P50/W71) and Olomouc (P50/N85).

4. The military airport located at Brno-Lisen at present accommodates about 70 planes in 9 hangars. The aircraft are used for training purposes and for military air patrols. [REDACTED]

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Facilities are at hand for repairing all types of aircraft now at the field. The airfield, although not equipped with runways, is suitable for landings even after long rainy periods.

5. New underground hangars for some 50 aircraft have been under construction since the beginning of 1949 (see Attachment I), and this project is to be completed by the fall of 1950. The hangars are supposed to be bomb-proof and planes will be taken in and out by elevators. Underground bomb-proof gasoline storage tanks with a capacity of 16,000 gallons are also being constructed. The construction is to be completed by July 1950.
6. Eight VKPL (sic) anti-aircraft guns and an observation tower with searchlights and machine guns afford anti-aircraft defense for the field. Nine Messerschmitt Me-109Fs and five Focke-Wulf FW 190s are available for patrols in the area of Olomouc and the Austrian border. At least two and generally three planes go into the air together daily.
7. The Military Air School for elementary training is to all outward appearances under the command of the Czechoslovak military headquarters of the airport, but Soviet officers are the real directors. About 18 - 20 Soviet officers wearing Czechoslovak army uniforms with the rank of first lieutenant and higher act as instructors. There are about 20 Czechoslovak officers attached to the school. Training lasts from six to twelve months and one company of about 200 men is trained at a time.

Attachments: I - Brno-Lisen Airport, with key.
 II - Brno-Lisen Airport
 III - Fighter Type A
 IV - Fighter Type B
 V - Fighter Type C

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- * [REDACTED] Comment: The cruising ceiling of this plane is given on Attachment III as 12,000 yards.

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